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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on September 23, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following two groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-7, and 13, drawn to apparatus, classified in class 356, subclass 1+.
- II. Claims 8-12, drawn to a method, classified in class 438, subclass 8.

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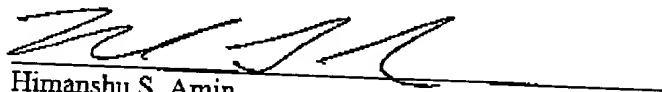
Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse Group I (claims 1-7, and 13, drawn to apparatus, classified in class 356, subclass 1+) for further prosecution on the merits.

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